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Statement submitted by the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: International Council of Women (category I); and Associated Country Women of the World, International Council of Jewish Women, International Federation of University Women, International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples and World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (category II)

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is circulated in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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Fourth World Conference on Women (1995)

1. We welcome the decision to hold the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. Given that the time allotted for the Conference is very short, it is essential that the preparations for the Conference should be comprehensive and deal with substantive items that are the concern of all women.

2. We urge that in these preparations the arrangements for the NGO Forum should be such that exchanges and contacts between the Forum and the Conference may easily take place. Individual members of networks, autonomous groups, as well as government representatives and representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council must be fully involved in the preparatory process as well as having access to, and participating in, the Forum. Access to the Conference should be as wide as possible.

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